

REMARKS

The foregoing changes to the claims and the following remarks are submitted in an effort to move prosecution of the present application forward.

Claims 1-21, 29 and 32-45 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 9, 10 and 21 have been amended, claims 22-28, 30 and 31 have been canceled and claims 44 and 45 have been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, a restriction requirement has been made whereby the claims were arranged into three groups. In reply, the claims have been amended to reduce the number of groups. Claims 32-43 are hereby withdrawn from consideration, though applicant reserves the right to pursue them in a divisional application as a result of the restriction requirement.

The claims of Group I are hereby elected, wherein claims 1-21 (as amended), 29, 44 and 45 (as newly added) correspond to this group. In particular, claim 1 (unamended) and claim 9 (as amended) are directed to a method for enhancing the flux rate of a substance through a biological membrane. Claim 9 has been rewritten as an independent claim that is directed to a method for enhancing the flux rate of a substance through a biological membrane comprises steps of porating the membrane and delivering a flux enhancer to the membrane. Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 9. Accordingly, claim 1 and claim 9 are generically directed to a method for enhancing the flux rate of a substance through a biological membrane. All of the other elected claims are otherwise dependent on claim 1 or claim 9.

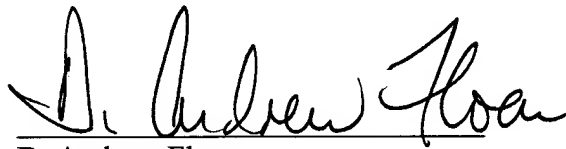
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It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 1-21, 29, 44 and 45 are directed to one invention—a method for enhancing the flux rate of a substance through a biological membrane and that claims 1 and 9 are generic claims.

Early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

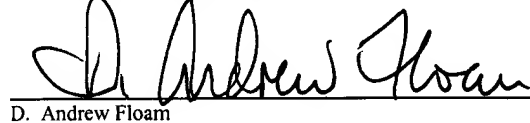
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